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APPLICANT: I. Hirao et al.

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated October 3, 2003 and request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.